

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: FILIC et al.

Title: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF  
MODIFICATION I OF N-(1-METHYLETHYLAMINOCARBONYL)-4-(3-METHYLPHENYLAMINO)-3-PYRIDINESULFONAMIDE

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Dear Examiner Davis:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated December 3, 2008, concerning the above-referenced patent application. The non-statutory period for response is set to expire on March 3, 2009, and this response is timely filed.

Applicants believe no fees are due with this response; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application

under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment instructions in EFS-Web being incorrect or absent, resulting in a rejected or incorrect credit card transaction, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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